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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for a major modification of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0022888 from the following applicant:

Las Vegas Sands, Inc.
3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

The Applicant operates the Venetian Hotel Casino at 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. This facility utilizes multiple dewatering systems due to the high water table. The dewatering systems discharge treated and untreated groundwater to the Las Vegas Wash via the Clark County storm drain system and the Flamingo Wash. The major modification will increase the permitted discharge flow from a maximum 30-day average rate of 0.144 million gallons per day (MGD) to 0.864 MGD. The flow will vary seasonally according to the regional water table level and precipitation events. Due to the presence of volatile organic compounds and petroleum hydrocarbons in the shallow groundwater, water recovered during dewatering of portions of the site must be pumped through aeration units for treatment prior to discharge. Monitoring of the discharge is conducted to ensure that surface waters are not degraded as a result of the dewatering discharges.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a modified permit, NV0022888, to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations. The proposed modification will not extend the May 9, 2008 permit expiration date.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada

Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 23, 2005, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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Bureau of Water Pollution Control
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The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423 or at bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.